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Harunari SHIMAMURA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4340

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 27, 2010, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 27, 2011, please amend the above-identified application as follows.